GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4922
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTA TO TRAVEL ABROAD
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the proposal for raising foreign exchange quota to travel abroad is pending since long;

(b) If so, the proposal mooted in this regard;

(c) Whether the ceiling of foreign exchange while travelling abroad has been reviewed; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b):- No Sir

(c) & (d):- While there is no proposal to raise foreign exchange quota has been raised under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 which has come into force from 1st June, 2000. Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transaction) Rules, 2000, have been framed under FEMA and notified by the Government vide Notification No. GSR-381(E) dated 3rd May, 2000, which deals with Basic Travel Quota. The quota has been increased upto US$ 5,000/- per calendar year fortravel abroad and US$ 25,000/- for business travel etc. If the amount of foreign exchange exceeds the above limits prior approval of Reserve Bank of India is necessary as indicated in schedule III of Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transaction) Rules.